

SOCIETY'S DEBT TO THE DRESS SUIT.

Why Bailey Erred in Rejecting Its Manifold Advantages.

THE POOR MAN'S ARMOR.

Behind Its Shirt Bosom He Can Enter the Social Lists Against Millionaires.

TEXAN'S LOGIC IS AT FAULT.

Were He from Holland Would He Wear Wooden Shoes in the House, or of Cowboy Stock, Would He Have Stood Out for Spurs?

By Alfred Henry Lewis.

Washington, April 5.—Bailey's revolt of the dress suit still continues the one topic of distressed capital confab. It has stirred

with a lantern—Bailey is wrong. He declines a dress suit and sticks to the soft hat and long surtout of a dead and bygone day. This is anachronistic and fraught with a vile logic. These times be no do sleek. Cotton is no longer king. American gentility no longer drinks peach and honey, mixes his man at ten paces and diverts itself with poker, "two call five, in nigraba." Why, then, should Bailey cling to the garb of that hour?

It is a solemn certainty that we must do somewhat to wean and win Bailey from these moody theories. As Dick Wightman well remarked in an editorial in the Post of this city, society declines to lose Bailey on a quibble. I shall assuredly do all I may to the recovery of Bailey; by the same token I would repaste a fallen star in the firmament if I could.

Bailey does not refuse and put aside a dress suit for any direct loathing of the same; but rather for that he adheres affectionately to what one might call the uniform of his region. This is no good reason. Suppose Bailey were born a steepchaser; would he continue to inhabit the top boots and corduroys of ample base that are the badge of this daring tribe? Would Bailey decline a dinner because he could not wear spurs? Would he darken the banquet with his absence because he might not find a place on the table for his whip and gloves?

Or, take the cowboy. Let Bailey look up the compuncher when he is real and moeth himself aright; when he maketh of his pistol a pinwheel and expieth the same as extempore fireworks; when he donneth a mighty hat, jinglet his spurs and ropeth about his pony. Let Bailey con-

with whom "full dress" means a necktie of shark's teeth and a club? Or suppose Bailey had first seen light on the Gramplan Hills, or some other series of Scotch eminences, how would he look to-day driving Dingley into a corner on tariff and taking his bread away, and him, Bailey, in a plaid shirt and tartan and probably attended by the tribal haggler with his shreeling strains as if a hundred murdered cats told all at once of the foul method of their takings off? Could Bailey talk tariff with Dingley while clad in the dress of a Highland chief? Thus unpolestered, Dingley wouldn't let Bailey come near enough to him to hand him a ripe peach, let alone debate with him.

But why prolong an argument over what seemed plain to all save Bailey and now must be clear to him? There are dresses and dresses. They are for occasions and they shift and change and take renewed and sometimes strange shapes as the object of the meeting varies. One would not seek the North Pole in pajamas, nor wear aiskin in Timbuctoo. By the same argument we yield at even song to the soft keeping of the dress suit, and with our work aside become children of the claw-hammer when the sun goes down.

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The Sheriff is in charge of the E. S. Dean Company, of No. 35 Broadway. The concern was ostensibly in the brokerage

LADIES OF IRELAND APPEAL TO EDITORS.

Women in Charge of the Great Irish Fair Issue an Address.

THEY ASK FOR EXHIBITS.

County Organizations Also in the Field and Matters Booming.

The ladies who have charge of the work of promoting the great Irish Palace Building Fair, that is to open at the Grand Central Palace, May 10, yesterday sent out an "Address to Editors." Every newspaper of consequence in the United States will receive one of these addresses, which read:

"A grand opportunity presents itself to the Irish people of the United States. A programme worthy of their genius and patriotism is submitted for their adoption. The building of an institute that will combine the qualities and accommodations of an auditorium, an armory and an indus-

trial. But much remains behind; and while the good work is progressing favorably, the active co-operation of all who are friendly to the project is necessary to insure an overwhelming success.

"Many souvenirs and relics of national and artistic value now in the possession of our countrymen can be obtained, either as a loan or present, if the owners were made acquainted with the aims and needs of the fair. Already a commissioner is in Ireland, whose mission it is to beg, borrow or purchase everything in sight that might be regarded as appropriate and important to place on exhibition, to attract the curious and tempt the public to patronize the fair.

"A similar work can be accomplished in this country through the instrumentality of the press. You will confer an incalculable favor on the committee by publishing this appeal that your readers may be stimulated to co-operate with us in making this fair worthy of the history of our native land. Paintings, statuary, bric-a-brac, souvenirs, etc., are greatly in demand; in short, anything of mercantile value, from a needle to an anchor, will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged. Nothing, however, should be forwarded without first apprising the committee and proper arrangements made for shipment.

"As the time is rapidly approaching when the grand opening will take place, at which President McKinley will be invited to preside, all favors should be in transit, without unnecessary delay. The publication of this circular in your journal will confer a lasting favor."

From the Ladies of Kilkenny.

The ladies of the Kilkenny Association, in addition to this general appeal, sent out a special appeal of their own. It reads:

"We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Kilkenny Ladies' Association, in convention assembled, do hereby appeal to our countrymen, and particularly to the ladies and gentlemen having any claim on our historic country, and to invite them to lend their aid and co-operation by becoming patrons and contributing in any way which their power to make our efforts successful.

"We are very anxious that the table which we will represent and feel so proud of will stand pre-eminent and that the results will be more than satisfactory.

"As we will have a very prominent booth, representing Kilkenny, we trust that any of our people who may desire to support our table will lend or present any relics or souvenirs that may be in their possession, and that are suggestive of our country, all of which would tend to make our table attractive and remunerative. We earnestly trust that this appeal will reach every one for whom it is intended, and

that it will be responded to by them in a true Irish spirit.

The Kilkenny address is signed by the following members of the Executive Committee: Miss K. Farrell, president; Miss A. L. O'Driscoll, secretary; Miss A. M. Butler, Miss Stephens, Miss Carroll, Miss K. Murphy, Thomas Conville, James Butler, John Confort, Michael Fennelly, William B. Sullivan, Michael Cantwell, John Cahill and P. J. Callahan.

Contributions may be sent to any of these ladies or gentlemen and will be acknowledged by the secretary, on behalf of the committee.

SUCCESS WAS DISASTROUS

Tale of a Mission Which Weakened Itself Financially by Making Too Many Converts.

The Harlem People's Mission, a worthy institution, indorsed by many of the ministers of the city, is in financial straits, and Josephus Bennett, the venerable manager, fears the furniture will be sold for rent, and the work will, perforce be discontinued. The mission has been running in the neighborhood of Second avenue and One Hundred and Twentieth street for the past eleven years, and during that time has done much good among those of the population of the upper East Side who did not resort to any regular place of worship. Probably a thousand converts have been made in that time, and, curiously enough, Mr. Bennett finds that this gratifying result was one of the causes which have brought him to his present discouraging position; for as fast as converts were made they joined regular churches, and their financial and other support was lost to the mission. One church in particular in Harlem has been very fortunate in gathering in these converts, but has never attempted to help Mr. Bennett. The thought that he may be forced to give up his work sorely afflicts the old man, and with the assistance of his wife and two daughters he has been making strenuous efforts to keep the mission going, but he has reached the limit of his resources. The mission is located at No. 2308 Second avenue, which is also the address of Mr. Bennett. He would like to rent the mission rooms in the daytime to some school. They are fully furnished, equipped with an organ and a piano, and are comfortable.

Deacon Lacey Laid at Rest.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 5.—The funeral of R. B. Lacey, one of the oldest deacons of the North Church, and a prominent citizen, was held this afternoon from his late residence, No. 476 Fairfield avenue. The Rev. Mr. Dickerman, of New Haven, officiated. Music was rendered by the quartet of the North Church.



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Mr. Bailey (of Texas) as a Fashion Plate in Various Times, Places and Conditions.

ings up from the bottom. And because seen high of Bailey and hold his sudden plosion of this mine in dress suits ill-vised I would a sad, yet patient, word to him.

as one whose past is opulent of dire exience, who has chased for years the stful cow and spread his blankets over the region from the Gila to the Texas handle; who has fed upon mule beef and picked his teeth with the thorn of the ombre mesquite; who has been West and roken even; and who has returned to the effete East to find the dress suit even as a green tree and a fountain by comparison with these arid adjuncts to Occidental existence. I speak to him. Therefore let Bailey listen.

The dress suit is the most democratic of vestments. It protects us of the tribe of overly from being overpowered by the ular rich. It is the uniform of self-resect, of independence, and a bulwark against all social invasions of the Gothic Vandals of money. The dress suit is thia the reach of all; hangs, as it were, the lowest limbs of the possible in garmenture, and the patient and lowliest can in the club that will bring it down. And in the hands of the humble a dress

sider this person of cows when without bucking straps, and not even the soft buffer of a roll of blankets across the saddle horn, he clanneth his reckless frame in the saddle and compels a cigarette while the brauco beneath him ricochets from the spinning earth and searcheth the very heavens in the vanity of his buckings. Let Bailey, I say, consider these matters and then tell me whether, had he been born a cowboy, he would refuse to eat at the White House unless he could strike out his pony in the East Room and use a half-inch mullin to rope up to his use the terrapin and such other vlands as his fancy might crave. Nay, nay, I wren not.

Rambling through the realm of dress would Bailey, had he come from the dikes and dunes and windmills of Holland, drink naught but gin and wear all his useful life the ancestral wooden shoes? Think of a statesman galumphing about the House of Representatives in wooden shoes, making more noise than a horse. Think you he could catch the Speaker's eye or get a hearing? "Never in a thousand years," as Tammany Tim would say. "Not on your life."

No, no; a man must dress for his game. If he would win a wreath in the Roman

business, handling stocks, bonds, wheat and cotton. In reality, however, they were running several blind pools, guaranteeing interest from 5 to 300 per cent per annum to their subscribers.

The company has spread its literature through the rural sections of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and has advertised in all the country newspapers where any clients could be found. They maintained offices in Toledo, Indianapolis, Detroit, Cincinnati, Louisville, Washington, Salt Lake City, Knoxville, Cleveland, Atlanta, Richmond, Dayton, Columbus, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston and Portland.

It is believed that the money which they have obtained from customers through their advertisements amount to something like \$1,000,000. It was known within the past few days that they were carrying over 25,000 accounts, ranging from \$50 to \$50,000 each. Deputy Sheriff Lipsky took possession of the office late Saturday afternoon on an attachment obtained by Theodore B. Thompson, who has brought an action to recover \$1,005.42 from the concern. The office yesterday was in charge of Samuel Peist as keeper. The safe was found open and empty. Every scrap of paper had been removed.

All day long yesterday "investors" came to the office of the Sheriff. They were greatly surprised to see it closed and in possession of the Sheriff. All efforts to find any one interested in the concern were fruitless.

OREGON IN A FIERCE STORM.

Battle Ship Encounters a Heavy Gale, but Rides It Out Like a Cork.

Seattle, Wash., April 5.—The battleship Oregon has arrived at Port Orchard Naval Station from Mare Island. She will go into dock on Tuesday. The test is looked forward to with a great deal of interest, as it will give a conclusive test of the strength of the structure.

The Oregon left San Francisco last Tuesday. A heavy gale was encountered Wednesday morning. Two life boats, eighteen feet above the water line, were carried away. The waves dashed over the pilot house, forty-five feet above the water line. The vessel was holed to and rode out the storm like a cork. Thursday she stood away on her course, making the run to Port Townsend at a twelve-knot clip.

Justice Dickey's Big Calendar.

The crowd of lawyers, litigants and witnesses in the Queens County Court room at Long Island City yesterday somewhat resembled a clock that did not have books enough to go round. For each printed copy of the court calendar obtainable there was fully a dozen persons anxious to get one. Many lawyers had to look over the shoulders of others in order to watch for their cases when called. It took several hours to call the calendar, there being 500 cases set down for trial. It was the April term of the Supreme Court, and Justice Dickey presided.

The Through Sleeping Car Service is to be re-established between New York and Chicago, via the D. L. & W. and Nickel Plate roads on April 15. An elegant Pullman car will be attached to train No. 7, leaving New York 7:30 p. m. each day, and will arrive at Chicago at 9:00 a. m. It was the April term of the Supreme Court, and Justice Dickey presided.

trial palace—this is the idea that will soon take practical shape in our city at the fair to be held at the Grand Central Palace, Lexington avenue. Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, beginning May 10 and continuing to June 1.

Want Co-operation.

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